

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS SELECTION)**

IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD),

Assignment Title:

Consultancy to Cross-Border Trade in Live Animal in the IGAD Region: Assessment of Trade Volume (formal and informal), Cost of doing Business, Trade Enablers and Barriers in three Selected Cross-Border Areas

The IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) through the Regional Livestock Program (RLP), funded by SDC is seeking a highly qualified consultant who will undertake a comprehensive quantitative assessment of livestock trade volumes, both formal and informal, along the Tog Wajaale (Ethiopia-Somalia) and Moyale (Ethiopia-Kenya) and Afmadow/Galkayo (Kenya-Somalia and Ethiopia-Somalia) cross-border corridors linking trade route to respective ports in Kenya, and Somalia. This assessment will examine the scale and dynamics of live animal flows destined for intra- and inter-regional markets, while also analysing the supportive and constraining policies, regulatory frameworks, rules, procedures and institutional practices that shape livestock and livestock product trade. Attention will be given to identifying enablers and barrier to cross-border live animal trade that influence the efficiency, competitiveness, and sustainability of trade in these key corridors.

Overall objective of the Assignment

The objective of the assignment is to; i) quantify volume of trade (formal and informal) in live animal, in the three selected live animal trade corridors(Tog Wajaale, Moyale and Afmadow/Galkayo) of IGAD countries (Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia; ii) assess enablers and barriers to cross-border live animal trade and quantify cost of doing business (formal and informal), and; iii) develop actionable recommendations to enhance seamless cross-border and regional trade under the AfCFTA and iv) document significance, importance and characteristics of informal live animal trade and action points to streamline the trade.

(The Detailed Terms of Reference (ToRs) are attached to this REoI).

The Selection shall be by IGAD Procurement Procedures. The IGAD now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the subject consultancy services. Interested qualified applicants should send letters Expressing their Interests, curriculum vitae, academic credentials, technical proposals (max 5 pages); two samples of similar assignments, and three reference persons.

Qualifications, Competence, Skills and Knowledge

Academic Qualifications

- Master's degree or above (PhD preferred) in international trade, agricultural economics, livestock development and trade, veterinary medicine or closely related fields.

Work Experience and Competencies

- Minimum of 10 years of experience in trade policy, regional integration, SPS measures or livestock sector development
- At least 7 years of experience in livestock and livestock product related trade negotiations in multilateral trade pacts, exposure to intricacies of SPS, and regional integration through trade

Other Experience/ Knowledge / Abilities

- At least five years of experience working in the inter-governmental setting preferably in the IGAD region and or EAC, COMESA.
- Demonstrated experience in similar assignments
- Ability to conduct field work in the national, sub national and cross border livestock trade corridors of the three countries (Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia)
- Excellent analytical, report writing, verbal and written communication skills in English.

Selection criteria

Selection criteria are relevant education background; relevant work experience; good track record in delivering similar assignments; experience working in the IGAD region; relevant report and publications on livestock trade, tariff and non-tariff barriers, among others.

Further information can be obtained by writing to the e-mail addresses below during office hours 0800 to 1600 hours EAT:

Expressions of interest must be sent to the addresses: icpaldprocurement@igad.int with cc to Dereje.Wakjira@igad.int, no later than 28th February 2026, 4:00 p.m.(E.A.T)